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MINISTRY MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 18-81
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TO : All Regional Directors, District
Officers, Team Leaders, Fieldmen
and All Concerned

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATORY GUIDELINES ON COVERAGE OF
P.D. NO. 27 AND RETENTION BY SMALL
LANDOWNERS.

Presidential Decree No. 27 which directed the emancipation of all tenant-farmers applies to all tenanted private agricultural lands primarily devoted to rice and/or corn under a system of share-crop or lease-tenancy, whether landed estate or not.

However, the landowner has been granted the right to retain not more than seven (7) hectares of his tenanted rice/corn lands, subject to certain conditions as provided under Letter of Instruction No. 474 issued on October 21, 1976.

For the guidance of all concerned, the following clarification is hereby issued on the matter of OLT coverage and retention by small landowners:

1. Tenanted rice and/or corn lands with areas of twenty-four (24) hectares or more shall totally be covered by Operation Land Transfer;
2. Tenanted rice and/or corn lands with areas of less than twenty-four (24) hectares shall likewise be totally covered by Operation Land Transfer if such lands belong to the following:
 - a) Landowners who own other agricultural lands of more than seven (7) hectares in aggregate areas, whether tenanted or not, cultivated or not, and regardless of the income derived therefrom;
 - b) Landowners who own lands used for residential, commercial, industrial or other urban purposes from which they derive an adequate income.

"Hindi na matatalkuran pa ang pagbabago ng ayos ng pananakahan. Higit kasing pangarap na makita ang ating mga magsasaka na pag-aari ang lupang kanilang binubuhay."

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Landowners who do not belong to any of the two categories above-mentioned may retain not more than seven (7) hectares of their tenanted rice and/or corn lands. In case the landowner is entitled to retain, the retained area shall be under leasehold unless the landowner offers his retained area for OLT coverage in which case, the same shall immediately be given due course.

3. For the purpose of determining whether or not a small landowner is entitled to retention, his ownership of other agricultural lands or urban lands shall be reckoned as of October 21, 1972. Alienations of such other agricultural lands or urban lands by the landowner after said date shall not entitle the landowner to retain. In case the landowner has become an owner of other agricultural lands or urban lands after said date, his retained area shall be covered by Operation Land Transfer.
4. In all cases, exert utmost efforts in encouraging landowners of areas where retention is available to offer their retained areas for OLT coverage through the Land Bank of the Philippines or to transfer their lands directly to their tenant-farmers in accordance with the provisions of P.D. No. 27.

Please be guided accordingly.

Diliman, Quezon City, December 29, 1981.



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